

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Economic Development Initiatives (EDIs) allow states, localities, or nonprofits to invest in their communities through revitalization and affordable housing projects. Examples of EDIs include: the renovation of blighted buildings to provide for new commercial opportunities and the construction of housing for homeless veterans. These projects increase the economic vitality of struggling urban areas, provide for safer living conditions, and generally improve a community's quality of life.

Building Hope Project, Habitat for Humanity of Durham - \$500,000

Habitat for Humanity of Durham

215 N. Church St.

Durham, NC 27701

Habitat for Humanity of Durham is seeking federal funding to acquire land and construct affordable, energy-efficient houses to provide home ownership opportunities to families who earn 25-60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) in Durham County. By providing affordable, energy-efficient housing, this initiative would promote the nation's affordable housing and energy independence priorities. It would not only help low-income families obtain affordable housing; it would also protect them against rising energy costs affecting traditional homes.

Durham Community Center, Partnership for a Jewish Center - \$500,000

Partnership for a Jewish Center

1935 W. Cornwallis Road

Durham, NC 27705

Partnership for a Jewish Center is seeking federal funding to build a shared community center in Durham. This public-private initiative, supported by the City of Durham, Orange County Department on Aging, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of the Triangle, Threshold Clubhouse, and BounceBack Kids, would provide educational, cultural, and recreational services to an area of Durham that currently has no similar facility. The new community center would house organizations that provide social services to the community's youth, elderly, and underserved populations.

Durham Gateway, UDI Community Development Corporation - \$400,000

UDI Community Development Corporation

P. O. Box 1349

Durham, NC 27702

UDI is seeking federal funding for the Durham Gateway, an initiative to convert boarded-up, deteriorating commercial buildings in downtown Durham to mixed-use retail, office and

residential space. The project site, located on a main artery leading into downtown Durham from Interstate 85, is in an economically distressed area. UDI would use federal funds to revitalize the area by acquiring, demolishing or restoring, renovating, and rebuilding to create upgraded commercial space and affordable housing.

The Gateway Project would make Durham a more vibrant commercial hub for the region by revitalizing a distressed area of the city located off a major interstate. Additionally, the project would create an estimated 65 jobs for low-income residents.

Housing for Homeless Veterans Project, Healing with CAARE - \$500,000

Healing with CAARE, Inc.

214 Broadway Street

Durham, NC 27701

Healing with CAARE is seeking federal funds to transform an unused space into 20 single-occupancy rooms for homeless veterans and low-income individuals.

Veterans are overrepresented in the homeless population and, as the number of veterans increases due to the current wars, there is concern that the number of homeless veterans could rise commensurately. The current economic downturn also has raised concerns that homelessness could increase among all groups, including veterans. These additional rooms would increase the inventory of units available to provide temporary shelter for homeless veterans.

J.A. Whitted School Project, City of Durham - \$500,000

City of Durham

101 City Hall Plaza

Durham, NC 27701

The City of Durham is seeking federal funds to secure and stabilize the vacant J.A. Whitted School and abate known hazards in preparation for full renovation as a multi-purpose facility. The property is adjacent to the City-owned Hillside Park and houses a gymnasium and auditorium which, upon renovation, would expand and complement recreational programming in the Southside community.

The project's reuse of an existing, historic structure would provide the Southside community of Durham with new housing, office, and retail space that would create new economic opportunities in the area. Renovation would also transform an aging and blighted building that has become a location for vandalism and other crime.

Nash Street Sidewalk Project, Town of Hillsborough - \$500,000

Town of Hillsborough

101 E. Orange Street

Hillsborough, NC 27278

The Town of Hillsborough is seeking federal funds to construct an extensive network of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters to provide safe pedestrian access among several low-to moderate-income neighborhoods, businesses, two elementary schools, Gold Park, and Riverwalk. By providing safe walkways for residents and schoolchildren, the Nash Street Sidewalk Project would improve public safety.

Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA) Housing Project, TROSA - \$500,000

Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA)

1820 James Street

Durham, NC 27707

TROSA is a comprehensive, long-term, residential substance abuse recovery program. The organization has requested federal funding to construct a 75-bed dormitory on the James Street campus to provide safe, supportive, and drug-free housing as well as classroom space for up to 150 individuals enrolled in TROSA's 2-year program to overcome severe substance abuse.

TROSA's rehabilitation program moves individuals with severe substance abuse problems out of the criminal justice system and helps place them into jobs where they can become

productive, taxpaying members of the community. Federal support for an expansion of TROSA services would help reduce substance abuse, prevent crime, and improve public health.

Department of Transportation

Capital Area Transit (CAT) System Operations and Maintenance Facility, City of Raleigh - \$5.75 million

City of Raleigh

PO Box 590

Raleigh, NC 27602

The City of Raleigh's CAT operations and maintenance facility is over 30 years old and was designed to accommodate a 50 bus fleet. Because of significant growth and increased ridership, the CAT fleet has expanded significantly, and the City now stores over 85 buses at this facility. The City has requested federal funds to construct a new transit operations and maintenance facility that can accommodate the current fleet and future expansion of bus service in Raleigh.

Chapel Hill Transit Bus Replacement, State of North Carolina - \$5 million

North Carolina Department of Transportation

1542 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699

The State of North Carolina, in conjunction with the Town of Chapel Hill, is seeking federal funds to purchase 15 diesel and hybrid buses to replace aging buses in the existing fleet. Bus ridership in Chapel Hill has doubled in the past 5 years, which is placing a strain on existing buses. A total of 30 replacement buses are needed to maintain a reliable bus fleet for Chapel Hill, which operates a free system that serves the student community and town residents.

I-40 Improvements, State of North Carolina - \$2 million

State of North Carolina

Raleigh, NC 27699

The State of North Carolina is seeking federal funds to make a variety of operational and safety improvements on the I-40 corridor in Durham and Wake Counties, NC. In addition to being a major interstate, I-40 is the primary route into Research Triangle Park. Approximately 40,000 employees commute to jobs in the Park daily, and thousands more use I-40 to travel between Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. This project would help to reduce congestion, improve traffic safety and enhance mobility throughout the region. I-40 is included in North Carolina's Strategic Highway Corridor Program and the National Interstate System.

Miami Boulevard Street Widening, State of North Carolina - \$2 million

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The State of North Carolina is seeking federal funds to widen Miami Boulevard in Durham from south of State Road (SR) 2112 (Methodist Street) to north of SR 1960 (Bethesda Avenue) to five lanes and provide a center turn lane. This section of Miami Boulevard is a major thoroughfare from communities in northern Durham County into the Research Triangle Park. Currently, Miami Boulevard narrows from five to four lanes on either side of this portion of road, creating a bottleneck and causing significant traffic congestion, particularly during morning and afternoon commute times. Federal funding to widen Miami Boulevard would help reduce traffic congestion and enhance public safety on this major thoroughfare.

Riverwalk Trail, Town of Hillsborough - \$1.2 million

Town of Hillsborough

101 E. Orange Street

Hillsborough, NC 27278

The Town of Hillsborough is seeking federal funds to construct a portion of the Riverwalk Trail, which will connect River Park, Gold Park and the Occoneechee Mountain State Natural Area with a paved trail along the Eno River. It is also part of the state's Mountains-to-Sea Trail. As part of the project, Hillsborough plans to partner with the City of Raleigh to help protect water quality upstream of Falls Lake.

Construction of the Riverwalk Trail would encourage tourism and recreation for residents throughout the state, and foster a more livable community by enhancing greenspace and walkability. The project would also protect the drinking water supply for communities served by the Falls Lake reservoir.

Town of Hillsborough Intercity Passenger Rail Station, State of North Carolina - \$8 million

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The State of North Carolina is seeking federal funds to construct a new intercity passenger stop in the Town of Hillsborough, NC for two state-sponsored rail lines, the Carolinian, which travels between Charlotte and New York City, and the Piedmont, which travels between Raleigh and Charlotte. These major rail lines currently pass through Hillsborough but do not stop there, forcing residents to commute outside of Orange County to either Durham or Burlington to reach a station.

An Amtrak analysis of revenues and ridership had reported that the stop would support the operating cost of adding it to the train services. Federal investments in passenger rail are essential to making rail service a viable transportation alternative in areas outside the northeast corridor and promoting transit-oriented development.

Walker Street Grade Separation, Town of Cary - \$1 million

Town of Cary, NC

1963 N. Academy Street

Cary, 27512

The Town of Cary is seeking additional federal funds to to extend Walker Street and construct a grade-separated rail crossing over the street. This project is currently in the design phase and is expected to be ready for construction by mid-2009. Continued funding would be used for engineering, obtaining right of way, and construction.

Traffic congestion in downtown Cary has intensified, particularly during peak commuter hours, and the ten to twenty trains that pass through downtown Cary via at-grade crossings each day exacerbate this congestion. This project would minimize traffic congestion by directing traffic underneath the rail lines, avoiding traffic blockages and reducing the likelihood of accidents.